

Amusements

POLIS

J. K. Emmet, the distinguished son of the famous Fritz Emmet, and a selected company of players will be seen at "The Devil He Did," termed by its authors "a visualized fantasy." Supporting Mr. Emmet is Miss Mary E. Ryan and other talented players. The offering provides an opportunity for Mr. Emmet's wonderful singing voice.

A special added feature brings here Frank Milton and the DeLong Sisters in "The Diamond Palace," a rube picture show. These clever entertainers have a unique offering.

Another unusual attraction will be Kerslak's Pigs, a troupe of porcine marvels, in a series of wonderful tricks. This is the same act that attracted so much attention recently at the Palace theatre, New York.

Willie Fields, with his comedy and songs; and the Three Singing Types, a trio of pretty girls, in a musical offering, will complete the vaudeville bill.

The photoplay feature brings here the beautiful screen star, Virginia Pearson, in a five-part society drama "Bitter Truth," a stirring story of politics and prisons. The Hearst-Pathe Pictorial News will be another film feature.

LYRIC

There is a play coming to the Lyric theatre next week that no one can afford to miss for it has but recently been the principal topic in theatrical communities the country over. "The Devil He Did" is the title and it is as bewitching and as quaintly dear as its name. The story is an absorbing one and always holds the audience.

When Dan Murphy and Jerry O'More, left Ireland they were only boys, but both loved the same little Kathleen who bade them goodbye. Dan caught on in America and well on the road to success when Jerry, who had been less fortunate returned to Ireland and married Kathleen. He lived but three years after that and left a broken hearted girl and a wee baby girl who was destined to hold the destinies and lives of men in the palm of her hand. The little girl is the Peggy of our story. Kathleen followed Jerry two years later and knowing how Dan had loved her in the years ago she left Peggy in his care with the thought that in time his thoughts would turn to her. Fourteen years later we see Murphy the Mayor of the city through the influence of Matt Hogan, the political boss of the town and an old acquaintance from Ireland.

Murphy is running for re-election and is being opposed by Howard Richmond, a young reformer, who is avowedly after the Hogan political machine. Murphy and Hogan are directors in the Webster National bank and when Webster the president, who has loaned the banks funds on worthless securities, tells Richmond that Murphy is responsible for the bank's condition, he uses the information in his political war on the Hogan faction. It is at this juncture that Peggy, unthought of and unexpected enters the play and from then on things happen and happen fast.

It is an exceptionally enjoyable play and should be seen to be fully appreciated. Better order your seats early and be sure of having them.

EMPIRE.

Marie Doro, the distinguished young artist of the stage and screen, will be seen at the Empire, to-morrow and Saturday in the Jesse L. Lasky production "Lost and Won," a gripping drama of newspaper life written especially for her by the two noted dramatists, Channing Pollock and Renold Wolf, and prepared for the screen by Margaret Turnbull.

Since making her debut under the Lasky banner in "The Heart of Nora Barry," Marie Doro has scored success after success with the photodramatic public and in "Lost and Won" she has a still greater success since it is especially suited to her charming personality and gives her ample opportunity to display her wonderful artistic talents.

The story has to do with Cinderella, a little newswoman, who on a bet, is made the ward of a wealthy stockbroker, he wagers that he can make a newswoman over into a society belle within a year. The girl becomes a reporter on the paper which she formerly sold. When her benefactor is about to win the wage, he loses his money and is arrested for theft, and the former newswoman and reporter, by her cleverness, discovers the identity of the real thief and frees the man whom she loves, and who has learned to love her.

The cast supporting Miss Doro is one of unusual excellence. Numerous other feature photoplays.

PLAZA

"Blind Justice," said to be one of the most sensationally dramatic film productions ever conceived and produced and featuring Benjamin Christie, author and star of the tremendous screen success, "Sealed Orders," is to be the Plaza's big film attraction for the latter half of the week. "Blind Justice" is in seven parts and is so crisscrossed with tense situations that suspense is held to the final scene. The plot concerns a man, who, forced to leave his child and serve a term in prison for an atrocious murder of which he is innocent, becomes more or less of a weakling. When he is freed he discovers the whereabouts of the woman who betrayed him to the police. His determination to avenge himself returns and he a madman he craftily plots to take her life in payment for the torture she has brought him and his child.

"The Wedding Party," a merry musical comedietta with comedians, girls, scenery and all the popular assets of the delightful in this type of diversion, will headline the vaudeville program.

Black and Tan, a pair of black-face entertainers who have some decidedly pleasing repartee and song to offer will have an important spot on the bill, while James Teed and company in their uproariously funny farce entitled, "A Hundred Laughs," will make a strong bid for honors.

Riche and Clegg, a couple of clever vocalizing musicians, should find little difficulty in establishing themselves in the favor of local amusement seekers.

As usual-comedy film productions of the best calibre will be included in the list of attractions.

LECTURE FOR A. O. H.

People of Irish birth or descent have always responded generously to any appeal for the relief of the distressed no matter in what part of the world it may be. Consequently when they ask for aid for those in distress in Ireland due to the uprising of last Easter it is expected the response of the people of Bridgeport will be both prompt and generous.

Division No. 1, A. O. H., of this city makes an appeal for funds, and will hold a concert and lecture in the Park theatre Sunday evening for this purpose.

Rev. James T. McDermott, O. M. I., who conducted a mission at the Sacred Heart church in October, will be the lecturer, taking for his subject "Faith, Fatherland and Freedom." Father McDermott is an orator of unusual excellence and his lecture will be a treat. In addition there will be an excellent concert under the direction of Prof. N. J. Herndon, of the Sacred Heart church choir, and which will include selections by Misses Mary V. Sullivan, Teresa O'Brien, Katherine M. Lombard, and Loretta O'Connor, and Messrs. John F. Martin, John Hughes, Albert Lapke, and John McDonough. Reh-rig's orchestra will furnish the instrumental part of the program.

John T. King will be chairman of the evening and will introduce Father McDermott. The speaker will be accompanied by Rev. John M. O'Brien, O. M. I., was with him at the mission at the Sacred Heart church.

Tickets for the entertainment are for sale at Hartigan's drug stores and by members of the division. A large audience is expected.

DANCING CLASS IN NEW HALL ATTRACTS MANY

The Thursday evening dancing class of Charles J. Collins opened up its new dance hall last Thursday evening at the Lyric hall, over the Lyric theatre, in a blaze of success. Everything went highly satisfactorily to pupil and teacher alike and a grand time was enjoyed by every one present. The floor was wonderful, the music was excellent and innovation night was the occasion of all occasions in the city.

Innovation night is a new idea of Mr. Collins that proved popular in the very beginning and has spread in popularity to-day it is the talk of the town. It is a town topic in every way, for Mr. Collins combines work and pleasure to a nicety. The first part of the evening is spent in teaching the fine arts to beginners and those who desire to brush up a little in their dancing, while following this hour of instruction, Mr. Collins invites his pupils and their friends to enjoy the rest of the evening in dancing.

At the opening of the Lyric hall as a meeting place of his Thursday innovation class, Mr. Collins has one of the largest classes that has ever taken instruction in the city. For this hour of instruction, Mr. Collins makes a small charge and an even smaller charge for the evening's dancing. The music is excellent and the floor could not be better. Taken all in all Mr. Collins is greatly pleased in the success that he has met at the Lyric hall.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY NEWS

Ground a Cartridge

William Rimany, of Darien, an eleven year old boy found a cartridge in the highway Saturday afternoon. Either not understanding the nature of the dangerous object, or thinking that it was an unloaded shell, the lad thought it would be a good idea to turn it on the grindstone, to see what effect would be produced. The thing exploded, taking off a piece of his thumb and of one finger, and filling his face and eyes with fragments of powder.

Accepts a Call

Rev. Harold E. Wilson, who has been pastor of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal church for the past five years, has accepted a call to the East avenue Methodist Episcopal church of South Norwalk.

Dogs Attack Sheep

Two dogs Saturday attacked a flock of sheep belonging to H. B. Coley of Norwalk and killed one outright. Several others were badly mangled.

Danbury Hatter Free

James E. Whitehead, a hatter, who lives in Danbury, has been divorced from Edith B. C. Whitehead, who lives in Hartford. They were married in England on August 17, 1892 and for eighteen years they lived in Bethel, where, in December 1910, Mrs. Whitehead deserted her husband. Whitehead said he and the woman quarreled over financial matters. Prior to the time she left him she had threatened to leave, and one day when he returned from work she was gone. He kept the home for two years, expecting she would return. He had offered her to return to him. She refused and told him she wanted no more to do with him.

Want New Charter

By a majority of 70 votes out of 336 cast the proposed charter consolidating the Bethel borough and town under a town government was adopted on Saturday afternoon. Although there are over 800 voters in Bethel, only 336 went to the polls. Two hundred and three voted "Yes" and 133 voted "No." The new charter, if granted by the legislature, as undoubtedly it will, will go into effect October 1, 1917. At that time the present borough of Bethel will cease to exist as a borough.

Shot by Playmate

Arthur Lacey, twelve year old son of Frank Lacey, of Danbury, was shot in the left thigh Saturday afternoon by a young playmate while playing with a loaded revolver. It was another case of not knowing that it was loaded. The wound is not serious and will soon heal.

Burglars at Work

Burglars broke into the house of Paul R. Allen, of Stamford, Sunday evening. Articles valued at about \$500 were stolen. They included table silver, manicure and bureau sets, sweaters, handkerchiefs, socks, gloves, a case of razors, cigars and cigarettes. Mr. Allen and his family were absent. Twenty dollars in bills, the property of a servant, who was out was also taken.

LITCHFIELD COUNTY NEWS

Changes to State Bank

The Brooks National Bank of Torrington has applied for permission to change over to a state bank.

Petition in Bankruptcy

The Goodman and Trumbull Company through its assets, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. The corporation's home is in Litchfield and it carried on a construction business. The

schedules show liabilities of \$5,613.04, all unsecured. Assets consist of vehicles valued at \$450, other personal property, \$241, and debts due on open account \$1,299.13. The corporation has 80 cents deposited in bank. Mr. Goodman declares the corporation has not the money to pay the filing fee of \$10.

Automobile Gas

H. E. Stoughton, president of the Thomaston Savings bank, was nearly overcome by gas from the exhaust on his automobile while running the engine in his garage Saturday.

A Peculiar Case

H. O. Ives of Plantsville has brought a civil suit against the town of Thomaston, the Thomaston Savings Bank, Morris H. Guernsey, Mrs. Jeremiah Haywood and Miss Katherine Burke. The suit is to recover property sold by Mr. Ives' mother. The case is very unusual and dates back several years. Mr. Ives claims that at the death of his father a will was left giving the mother the life use of property. At her death the property was to revert back to her children. Mr. Ives claims that, due to some influence brought to bear, the mother sold most of the property, which was not in accordance with the will and the property has now been attached to await the outcome of the civil action.

Newfield House Burned

Joseph B. Dunbar's house in Newfield, a suburb of Torrington, was burned Tuesday afternoon. The furniture was taken out of the house by neighbors. All the members of the family were in Torrington. The fire is believed to have started from wood that was put in the kitchen stove oven to dry. The loss is estimated at \$1,500, partly covered by insurance.

Fire early Tuesday morning at their home in New Hartford drove Joseph Folgett, his wife and their three children in the zero weather half a mile over the snow-capped hills to the home of the Eatons in Nepaug where they are being cared for. The little home was entirely destroyed and the quilt, barely able to leave the house with their lives, suffered terribly as they sought shelter. The house and contents were destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Perhaps a Suicide

Philemon W. Johnson, librarian of the Norfolk Library, town treasurer and prominent in town affairs, is missing and the empty rifle case in his rooms and a letter he left behind lead to the belief that he has killed himself and that his body lies somewhere in the snow on Canaan Mountain. "Financial troubles" it is believed from the sealed letter he left for William Cobb, are responsible for Mr. Johnson's disappearance. Less than two years ago he became identified with the Norfolk Manufacturing Company, and it is said that through this venture he lost about \$10,000. In his letter to Mr. Cobb was enclosed \$6, which he declared to be all he had left in the world.

BANK EXAMINER REMOVED

Washington, Jan. 25.—Removal of Charles Starek from office as chief national bank examiner for the second federal reserve district with headquarters in New York, and the appointment in his place of William P. Malburn, assistant secretary of the treasury was announced yesterday by Comptroller Williams.

POOL TAX DUE.

Theatres, pool rooms, bowling alleys, clubs, fraternal organizations and hotels, as well as brokers and pawnbrokers, who are obliged to pay a special tax to the government have but one more week in which to do so. After Feb. 1, they will be subject to a fine of 50 per cent. At the local internal revenue office, it is said that there are still a great many returns to be filed. Attention is called to the fact that every pool table not in a private home, is taxed this year.

An investigation of the New York National Guard was proposed at the opening meeting of the Assembly committee on military affairs.

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